



Docket No.: 1538.1046

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Nobuyuki HIRATSUKA, et al.

Serial No. 10/770,392

Group Art Unit: 2164

Confirmation No. 2748

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Examiner: BELL, Cory C.

For: SEARCH METHOD AND APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2007, and having a period for response set to expire on April 17, 2007.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to May 17, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith.**